

## WANTED A HOLIDAY; GOT PERMANENT ONE

Filtration Plant Workmen  
Rest Over Thanksgiving.

TOLD TO KEEP ON RESTING

Alleged Attempt to Call Out Men Said  
to Have Failed—Others Resign  
Their Jobs.

Ten or more mechanics employed at the filtration plant had little cause to be thankful this year. The men demanded they be given either a holiday or extra pay for working on Thanksgiving. The request was denied, and the men failed to report for duty last Thursday.

When they returned to work yesterday they learned their services were no longer required.

The men are indignant over the permanent action of their employers and declare they will seek reinstatement through an appeal to the District authorities. Others have resigned their jobs in sympathy with those who had been dismissed.

**Men Stick to Work.**

It is said an attempt was made to call out the entire force of mechanics employed at the beds. That this did not meet with much success, however, is indicated by the announcement of the officials of the Sand Filtration Corporation of America, which has the contract for the work, that not more than a dozen men in all are out as a result of the trouble.

In explanation of their refusal to grant the mechanics a holiday on Thanksgiving, officials of the filtration corporation say that it was impracticable to stop work for twenty-four hours, owing to the fact that the plant must be completed within a contracted period. To do this, they say, will require continuous work for the next nine months. Already it has been found necessary to ask an extension of time for that length of time, and it is said the delay resulting from the suspension of work over Thanksgiving would have seriously interfered with the plans.

**Petition Presented.**

The trouble had its inception last Wednesday when a petition signed by eight men was presented to Superintendent J. C. Hilton, requesting that a holiday be granted the workers at the plant over Thanksgiving. If this could not be done, the mechanics demanded they be given ten hours' pay for work. It seems that a wage scale of this sort is effective when they are required to labor on Sundays, and it was maintained by the petitioners that in view of Thursday being a legal holiday they should be given extra pay if required to work.

Mr. Hilton declined to listen to the demands of the men for the reasons already stated. He insisted upon their reporting for duty as usual on the following day, and when they failed to turn in, other mechanics were at once obtained to fill their positions. Only about eight or ten remained away on Thanksgiving Day.

**Asked for His Pay.**

Yesterday morning the men were on hand promptly to resume work. Joseph Cook, one of the number, who had been instrumental in circulating the petition, learned that he was to be discharged, and is said to have asked for his pay before being officially informed of the fact. He says that his foreman was in the act of making out his time slip when Assistant Superintendent W. J. Lott appeared, and said he would be given his salary until the regular pay day, which is today.

Cook made a vigorous protest to this arrangement, and informed the others who had also refused to work on Thursday of what he termed the unjust action of the officials. He said the entire eight men then gathered up their tools, and went to the office of the company to pick up the proceeds of their work. An explanation was demanded of the action of the company in singling out Cook for dismissal in view of the fact that there were others who had refused to work on Thanksgiving.

**None of Them Wanted.**

It was then that the entire number were informed that their services would no longer be needed. In response to their queries, Superintendent Hilton said that other men had been employed in their place, and that by absenting themselves in defiance of the wishes of the company, they had furnished sufficient grounds for dismissal.

When seen by a reporter today, Cook expressed indignation over the stand taken by his employers.

"It's an outrage," he said, "and we intend to see if there isn't some way we can get redress. Thanksgiving is as much a holiday for the workmen as it is for anybody else. If the company wanted us to work on Thursday, it was only right we should have received extra pay. None of us would have made any objection then."

**May Stop Work.**

He also said the trouble would perhaps result in a large number of the men employed with him and his comrades going out in sympathy. He said, however, that it was impossible to order a strike, owing to the fact that the work is a Government job, and, therefore, out of the jurisdiction of the union.

Superintendent Hilton also expressed his indignation at the action of the men had brought the trouble on themselves. He held that the company had made no unjust demand of them, and expressed the opinion that the clash would have been avoided had they stopped to realize that the construction of the plant will from now on be a "rush job."

"Several weeks ago," he said, "when it first became necessary to carry on the work on Sundays the company agreed to pay the employees ten times as much for eight hours' work. We did not contract to do this on holidays, however, and when the men presented their petition I told them I did not see fit to do as they demanded. The men simply ignored our wishes, and we filed their places with other mechanics."

"It isn't feasible for us to have our employees work one day and lay off on the following for no good reason. Any of them who chose to do so will find their positions filled by somebody else when they return to work. Nobody is compelled to strike for us, and those who don't wish to observe our rules will surely be discharged."

The trouble caused a mild flurry among the 1,000 employees of the plant, but is unlikely to have any serious consequences. It is not believed that the discharged mechanics can obtain redress through the District authorities, as the corporation has sole charge of the employment of men to do the work.

**Capitol Hill Want Ad Branch.**

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## GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NOTES

Social Functions So Numerous as to Endanger Study.  
Thin Attendance at Morning Chapel.

Thick and fast social gatherings follow one another at George Washington University. Dances, smokers, informal receptions, and suppers are coming in rapid succession, and the students are having a hard time arranging their study periods so that they will be able to miss none of the social events, and yet keep up their work.

The junior "prom," held in the university library last night, was a most successful affair. The music was good, and the floor was not too crowded, as is often the case at the class dances.

The library had been tastefully decorated in the university colors by the fair "co-eds" and was the occasion of much comment.

Prof. Gore was a conspicuous figure at the dance. "Prof." makes no secret of his partiality for the undergraduates and their gatherings, and his geniality and keen sense of humor makes his presence always welcome.

**Morning Chapel.**

The faculty of Columbian College is said to be seriously considering the advisability of offering special inducements to the students for attending the morning chapel services.

Attendance at these gatherings is not compulsory, and as a result, the services are held with an average attendance of five faithful students. These students have been the target of an attempt to stir up interest in the chapel services, but although almost everyone approached has promised attendance, few or none have kept their word.

**Ki Yi Wins.**

In a football game on Thanksgiving Day, the second year Ki Yi class of the medical department defeated their rivals, the freshmen, of the same year, 5 to 0. Every minute of play was hotly contested, and the victory was well earned.

The Ki Yi class wasted no time springing into prominence at the university. The odd name which they chose to represent them attracted attention from the start, and this, added to the loyalty with which they have supported the team in their athletic contests, has made them the most widely known class in the university.

Not for several years has an election been so keenly fought in the university as that of the third-year law class. Two of the nominees were fraternities, and the election was fought bitterly. For the first time

in the history of the university it was necessary for all three candidates to withdraw, and for new nominations to be made, in order to break the deadlock.

**Delta Tau Delta's Supper.**

That "loose springs" (eternal in the human breast) was plainly demonstrated at the supper given by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity to the members, substitutes and coaches of the football team on Tuesday night.

"Georgetown must be defeated" was the cry of the present, and elaborate explanations were made as to the development of a winning team for next year.

December 7 is the date decided on by the board of managers for the university ball. The affair is undoubtedly the main social function of the university year, and already the students are selecting their partners.

**New College Yell.**

Owing to the many different versions of the new college yell, an official copy of the cheer has appeared on the bulletin board, stating it is as follows:

George Washington!  
Give 'em the ax, the ax, the ax.  
Give 'em the ax, the ax, the ax.  
Where, O?  
Right in the neck, the neck!

Arrangements are being made for the representation of the university on the club path. While nothing definite has been completed, it is stated on good authority that the athletic board intend, if possible, to put a track team on the field.

**To Teach Economics.**

Prof. Charles W. A. Veditz, Ph. D., LL. B., at present, engaged as professor of economics at Bates College, has been appointed assistant professor of economics in George Washington University. He will have charge of the department of work in the department of arts and sciences, and of graduate work in finance and currency, in the department of jurisprudence and diplomacy. He will enter on his new duties February 1, 1905.

Winfield Scott, professor of administrative law, has returned from Paris, and will resume work with his class immediately.

Prof. N. W. Holmes, K. C., who has been engaged for a series of lectures on jurisprudence of Canada, has completed his course of lectures and has returned to his Canadian home.

## TO DISFRANCHISE ARMY DESERTERS

General Chaffee's Plan to  
Check Stampede.

CAUSE HARD TO DISCOVER

Men May Atone and Be Restored to  
Citizenship by Subsequent Ser-  
vice and Discharge.

Disfranchisement of all deserters from the army in National, State and municipal elections, unless the act of desertion be atoned by a lawful discharge earned by subsequent service, is the radical recommendation of Lieutenant General Chaffee, Chief of Staff, in his annual report, approved by the Secretary of War, today.

It is the opinion of General Chaffee that if all States and Territories would pass such a law the majority of deserters would return to the colors at their own expense and serve out their unpunished enlistment in order to receive a lawful discharge, and thereby re-establish their civil status.

**Inexperience Responsible.**

"While I fail to find anything in the administrative action of company officers," says Lieutenant General Chaffee, "to account for the large number of desertions, I believe it to be a fact that much inexperience, as now, in command of companies affects this subject somewhat. Character, habits, aptitude differ widely among men upon entering the army, and it is the skill of the experienced officer, with his intelligent sympathy, his counsel and admonition, rather than rigid mechanical enforcement of the articles of war, to bring out the best in these young soldiers in companies and the service."

**Liberal Provision.**

"The Government provides liberally in the matter of clothing and food, and constructs splendid barracks, fitted with all modern appliances for health and comfort. At no post is the fatigue duty excessive—generally speaking it is light and all in all the soldier is getting everything that under the laws could in reason be asked."

For many years the numerous desertions from the department, and seemingly every possible effort has been made to discover the causes of desertion. No serious fault exists not inherent in the man himself; therefore it is not susceptible of military control and correction. "Tinkering" and punishment by dishonorable discharge and confinement for one, two, or three years of the few deserters who are apprehended or surrender themselves have, in my opinion, but slight influence as a restraining force on the service generally."

**Guardhouse Unsanitary.**

Arrangement of the frightful sanitary conditions at post guardhouses is another feature of the report. Lieutenant General Chaffee says they are "simply crowded to an unsanitary limit" and recommends the building of additional prison facilities on the military reservation near Indianapolis.

Recruiting officers of the army come in for a sharp rap for trespassing upon the minimum physical requirements for enlistment in the army.

From personal observation, Lieutenant General Chaffee says that at the forty-five post camps and stations visited by him during the past summer he noticed few soldiers who appeared to be vicious or of low character, but quite a number "because of the apparent youth, poorly nourished bodies, or weak physical systems, impressed him as weaklings, unfit to endure the physical hardships and exposure frequently required of soldiers."

Progress upon the construction of the Army War College Lieutenant General Chaffee says indicates it will not be ready for occupancy before the fall of 1905, and that in the absence of the building it will be impossible to convene at the temporary War College a class of the desired size.

## BALTIMORE BOYS WAGE MIMIC WAR

Reproduce a Skirmish on  
the Yau.

"KUROKI" AND "KUROPATKIN"

Detail of Police Required to Stop En-  
counter Which Alarmed the  
Neighborhood.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 26.—Lined up as Russian and Japanese armies, some 200 Baltimore boys engaged in such an exciting mimic battle on a lot at Montford and Madison streets as to necessitate a detail of policemen to restore peace. A fifteen-year-old lad on horseback figured as General Kuropatkin and a ten-year-old urchin on a mule as General Kuroki.

Cracking pistols and flying shot urged on the young warriors and the whole neighborhood was in an uproar. For more than an hour the battle raged and terrorized residents sent in repeated phone calls to the police for aid.

A detail of police was finally dispatched to the scene, and upon their arrival the battle soon stopped.

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